“You will be numerous, yet powerless—like debris in a stream.”

—Prophecy of Muhammad

Peace and blessings be upon him

Debris flows passively in a stream. If the stream curves to the right, the debris will follow suit. The stream curves left so will the debris. You can say that the debris is in a state of total paralysis, moving only to desires of the stream which carry it. The proper diagnoses of the state of the Muslim Ummah today is that of total paralysis, conscious yet unable to act. Now the obvious follow up questions are: How did this paralysis come about? And is it curable?

If you ask the imams in the paralyzed Muslim world, they might spout talking points such as: You're not praying hard enough, not fasting frequently enough or not covering your sister's hair thoroughly enough.

If you ask the imams outside the Muslim world, they might tell you something along the lines: You're not donating generously enough or when you finally buy the luxury Hajj and Umrah package we're selling.

Now that we've mentioned the term *outside/inside the Muslim world* which we all understand yet is no longer accurate, it's an outdated paradigm. Wherever Muslims are able to practice, pray, debate and preach - there is the Dominion of Islam (Dar Al Islam). It is more accurate to call the 2nd group: Minority Muslim Countries. Hence we can call the first: Majority Muslim Countries. It is important to note that the latter are ruled over by oppressive tyrannical regimes. While the Minority Muslims enjoy full citizen rights, at least that is the case for us here in the USA.

The imams in Majority Muslim Countries are paid government employees. Their job is to intentionally misinterpret the Quran and synthesize "opium of the masses". Those who refuse to swallow the *bad medicine* meet another branch of government employees, heavily armed and of few words. Through fear and propaganda everyone falls in line. Mind you, these *heads of states* are the envy of Western rulers and billionaires alike. They lead lavish lives encapsulated in luxuries and rule unopposed and unquestioned. So there is as much hope in getting good advice from their hired charlatans as can be expected from an abortion doctor to recommend a good crib.

If you happen to live in a Minority Muslim Country, such as the USA... first and foremost you must pat yourself on the back for escaping life as a-fraction-of-a-person. You can now start to heal from countless psychological disorders, common to victims of oppressive regimes. Such as but not limited to: Attributing omnipotence to the head of state, believing everyone is spying on you, loving your oppressor, and thinking that's all normal. Now that you are on the other side of the exodus, your soul can soar beyond the stars and your words swaddle everyone.

Why have the Imams in Minority Muslim Countries made their occupation their job?
I have literally heard one say: "That's the way it's done in America" or "That's how the Christians do it". Which is almost verbatim to this verse:
"And we brought the children of Israel across the sea, and they came upon a people clinging to their idols. They said, "O Moses! Make for us a god as they have gods." He said, "Truly you are an ignorant people!"
Quran 7:138

Now I am not talking about the doctors, engineers or even uber driver that occupy themselves with the limitless task of spiritual and religious growth for themselves, families and communities.
Heeding to Allah's command:
"Satisfy your livelihood in-order to transcend". Quran 94:7-8
And following the guidance of His prophets:
"They (Allah's prophets) are those whom God has guided, so follow their guidance. Say,"I ask not of you any reward for it. It is naught but a reminder for the worlds."".
Quran 6:90

I am not talking about these fine folks, whom I would be lucky to clean their shoes. I am talking about the ones who have taken imam-hood as their job and occupation, like Rabies and Priests have done before them. These *pampered princesses*, insulated from hardship, racking up miles traveling the mosque circuits, selling religious services and "raising money". Equipped with a bag full of guilt and an endless plot of fake-heaven. Like a good Christian priest in the Dark Ages, when these *ummah fuckers* say "God", they really mean *business*.

Now a reader might say: "You are being too harsh. Our imam does alot of good. Just last week we raised a couple of thousand dollars to relieve our brothers and sisters in a distressed part of the world". Perhaps they serve some good, but my argument is that the bad they produce in the community is greater than the good they bring to the table.

And here are five reasons you must cease to financially compensate individuals for performing religious duties:
1) "Or do you require payment, burdening those in debt" Quran 68:46 Religion must be given freely, if only not to allow excuses on Judgement Day for those that went astray.
2) Imam's that receive a salary from the community may steer their community away from jihad, both spiritual and physical to maintain their familial and financial obligations. Undoubtably there will be tribulations on the path to God, "And we will indeed test you with something of fear, hunger and loss of wealth and souls and fruits; and give glad tidings to the patient". Quran 2:155

3) The dichotomy of breaking the community into Imam and Maamumeen will prevent the essence of Islam to become manifest in it. And the Muslim community will digress into another religious cult, blindly following its' elders. In the Tawheed-conducive-community, everyone is studying the Quran. The persons with most patience studying the word of God, get nominated to lead the timely prayers.

4) Before any community wells are drilled or distressed children relieved, the imams will claim a chunk of the raised money to themselves, like a company bonus. And it is a mystery what percentage of the collected funds will go towards the imams new swimming pool.
5) Any collections made are almost never accounted for. There's a saying in Arabic: Unaccounted funds teach the good to become corrupt.

Europe surpassed their "Dark Ages" by abandoning the church's half-truths, diluted in cultural ignorance, that spread pain and suffering for a new model they had seen in the mosques of Andalusia Spain and throughout the Muslim world.
Mosque were a place for the live synthesis of truth: by the community, into the community for the community. It wasn't uncommon to see tens if not hundreds of halaqah of zikr (round table learning) in the mosques.
When the West copied this model they added much limitations: such as what is true, who can teach it and who can learn it... The result was Universities, whereas in the Muslim world that was all limitless.

The columns in traditional mosques resemble the original date palm orchid in the prophet's mosques in Madina. It was called the Rawdah, because it had become a reflection of heaven on earth. "Munch, when you pass by heaven's orchids", and where oh prophet of God do we find them? said his companions. "The halaqahs of zikr" said he.

Now let's conclude by going back to the beginning: debris floating in a stream.

"When Saul marched forth with his army, he cautioned: “Allah will test you with a stream. So whoever drinks his fill from it will no longer be my companion, and whoever does not taste it—except a sip from the hollow of his hands—is definitely with me.” They all drank their fill except for a few..." Quran 2:249

The stream is Dunya, and Muslims of today didn't just drink their fill, they have fallen head over heals into it, and are floating helplessly in it.
Saul is our connection with Spirit.

Story continues:
"...When he and the remaining faithful with him crossed the stream, they said, “Now we are no match for Goliath and his warriors.” But those believers who were certain they would meet Allah reasoned, “How many times has a small force vanquished a mighty army by the Will of Allah! And Allah is always with the steadfast.” Quran 2:249

Goliath represents ignorance and the few who stood patiently in battle are those who not only sit in the halaqa of zikr to study, but make it the Qiblah, center on which to build a life worthy of being lived on.

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